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Letter dated 20 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to bring to your attention a letter dated 7 May 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan addressed to Mr. Erik Marzolf, Coordinator of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yashar T. **Aliyev**
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Annex to the letter dated 20 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you regarding the report of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009), issued as a document of the Security Council (S/2013/337) on 11 June 2013.

Paragraphs 50, 90 and 92 of the report mention the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the case of Mr. Michael Ranger, a citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, convicted in 2012 of illegal arms trade. I would like to inform you that the internal inquiry carried out by the relevant authorities of Azerbaijan has not produced any evidence of any meeting and talks between a representative of Azerbaijan and Mr. Michael Ranger or Hesong Trade Corporation on any kind of arms deal. No such authorization has ever been given by the Government of Azerbaijan to any person.

It would be pertinent to state in that regard that Azerbaijan maintains a strong national export control system and constantly develops its efficiency in order to prevent illegal activities relating to arms, military and dual-use goods, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and related materials. Moreover, Azerbaijan recognizes the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security and fully supports timely and effective implementation of its resolutions. My country takes all measures to enforce the respective provisions of Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013) and 2094 (2013).

Azerbaijan stands ready to continue its cooperation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Panel of Experts. We would like to request that in the future any information relating to Azerbaijan be shared with us well in advance in order to enable our timely response and clarifications.

I would appreciate the publication of this letter as an annex to the next report of the Panel of Experts.

(*Signed*) Tofig **Musayev**
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Deputy Permanent Representative